

# The Lancaster News

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**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE.**  
Henceforth all obituaries, cards of thanks, lodge notices, notices of all public affairs charging admission, citations, executors' notices, notices of discharge, etc., will be charged for at the legal rate.  
There has been some uncertainty in the minds of our friends as to what news really is. The items mentioned above are not news items, nor can we accept such items for publication except as advertising.

Weather forecast for South Carolina: Generally fair Tuesday and Wednesday.

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 1915.

Here's hoping that Yorkville will today emerge from the village class.

The question of the hour is, "What will Germany do about it?"

About the time all the cotton had been planted the price fell below nine cents. "Twas ever thus from childhood's hour."

The Anderson Mail is of the opinion that, after all, most children do mightily well considering the kind of parents they have.

Says The Abbeville Medium: "When you hear a man knocking a paper ask him how much he owes the paper, or if he takes it, or if not why it was stopped."

It is a great pity Mr. Roosevelt could not be engaged in a damage suit all the time, so that his mind would be occupied with his own affairs.

The York News uses this striking statement on advertising which should put the less progressive merchants to thinking: "When your business is not worth advertising, advertise it for sale."

According to the last census returns there are fewer cattle in South Carolina now than twenty years ago. It is said the decrease in six years has been as much as thirty per cent. We have all too few cattle in Lancaster county.

Beginning with the first issue in June all notices intended for the Business Column of The News must be paid for in advance. You can figure the cost for yourself easily by counting five words to a line and counting each abbreviation as a word. Then figure the cost at 5 cents a line for each insertion. However, if the ad does not have as many as five lines in it, the cost will be a quarter. We find that it takes too much time to keep books of these small items and then at the end of the month make out bills and collect for them.

President Wilson, in his demand on Germany for satisfaction to this country for the loss of the lives of American citizens in the sinking of the Lusitania, made use of this expression referring to Germany's claim that notice had been given in advance of the sailing of the vessel, warning American citizens not to embark. "Notice of an intention to commit an illegal act does not make the act legal, or justify it." Just as well might a desperado justify the murder by him of a citizen walking on the public street because he had forbidden the victim not to traverse the street.

Every town that has had a Chautauqua is the better for the inspiration given its people by the men and women of vision who furnish entertainment of a higher order than that afforded by other concerns which appear so frequently, yet do not help and uplift. Lancaster needs just what other towns are securing through the medium of the Chautauqua and those who care for the things worth while should get busy now and secure the Chautauqua another season. We cannot afford to miss the cultural force of such clean, elevating thought furnished at a trifling cost.

## UPHOLD GOVERNOR MANNING.

The law-abiding, peace-loving citizenship of the state should stand by Governor Manning in the effort he is making to suppress lawlessness, otherwise his administration in this direction will be a failure. Mr. Manning did not go into office by making false pretenses. One of the principal planks in his platform was the enforcement of the laws of the state, which had fallen sadly into disrepute. And he is redeeming his campaign pledges in no half-hearted way. Shortly after taking the oath of office, realizing that lawlessness was one of the big problems he had to deal with, he wrote all of the sheriffs of the state impressing upon them their duty in the premises. Not long since he removed the sheriff of Kershaw county from office for not attending to his duty in regard to the illegal sale of liquor in his county, and he is now engaged in the difficult task of suppressing the illegal sale of liquor in the city of Charleston. The governor has called upon the mayor of the city and the sheriff of the county to co-operate together, in the matter and has sent special constables to aid the local police. As was to have been expected, the lawless element, and their sympathizers, are raising a howl about it, notwithstanding the fact that Charleston has more blind tigers than any other city in the state. Original Manning supporters are beginning to criticize him. They say he should not have asked the legislature for an extra appropriation for the legal department, but should have contented himself with such law as the attorney general should give him.

Why blame the governor for this? He realized that the enforcement of the law was a herculean task and he was wise in not relying entirely on such legal advice as the present attorney general should give him—the same attorney general who is supposed to have advised Mr. Manning's predecessor in office for four years when the enforcement of the laws of the state was notoriously lax. In his wisdom he asked the legislature for the extra appropriation, which they gave him, and if there is any blame to be placed it should be put on the legislature.

Then again they criticize him for doubling the salary of the present superintendent of the Hospital for the Insane. Well, what are the facts in this matter? Governor Manning found that he could not get the kind of man he thought the unfortunate inmates of the institution needed to care for them for less than \$6,000, which it is true, is double the salary allowed by law, so upon his own personal endorsement, he went to a bank and borrowed the extra \$2,000. If the legislature does not see fit to make an extra appropriation to pay the amount borrowed, then it will have to be paid by the governor out of his own pocket. It was Governor Manning's judgment that Dr. Williams was the proper man to manage the institution for the insane and this being his judgment he secured his services. What is \$3,000 compared with the welfare of 1,800 or more poor unfortunate committed to the governor's care?

No, the truth is Governor Manning, like Woodrow Wilson, has proved a disappointment to the weak-kneed politicians who are always more concerned with what they think will be popular rather than what is right. He is obviously doing his own thinking and administering the office of governor in the interest of the people rather than in the interest of the politicians.

The people of South Carolina are now being tested. It remains to be seen whether they want a governor who will hew to the line, no matter where the chips fall, or whether they want to go back to Bleaselsm, from which they have recently escaped. For our part we believe the majority of the people of the State are with Governor Manning. At any rate those who want peace, order and contentment to be a permanent thing in the state, should uphold the governor, lest perchance we lapse back into a condition of affairs where the doctrine of hate, strife and division were the order of the day and men were arrayed against each other in hostile camps with the politicians sickening them at each other's throats.

We are sending our collector, J. Martin King, out this week to call on the local subscribers who are in arrears, and we hope that you will make his task as easy as possible. Our reason for this is that we have had several to tell us that they were surprised when we stopped their paper—if we had just sent a bill for the subscription, they would have gladly paid it.

## WORDS OF WISDOM.

The farmers of South Carolina have in Col. E. J. Watson, commissioner of agriculture, a trustworthy friend and helper, a man who is terribly in earnest and one whose every effort is for the upbuilding of this commonwealth. Colonel Watson has for years preached the necessity of business methods in agriculture, particularly the urgency of caring for the soil, which we tax too heavily then dose injudiciously when it becomes sick, instead of providing needed change, which is rest to soil, as to the individual. We ask a careful reading of the following letter, written by Commissioner Watson to The Progressive Farmer. In it the matter of soil exhaustion is discussed so clearly as to point a moral to every thoughtful farmer. The letter is this:

"As a rule 'do not let my optimism sway my judgment, but I honestly feel that, with the movement we have in full swing in South Carolina now, accelerated and accentuated by the economic conditions produced by the European war, the outlook in agriculture is better, brighter and more full of promise for the immediate future, and for prosperity, than I have ever known it to be since I have been identified with constructive work in the South. I believe that we have merely as yet scratched the surface of our opportunities, and I believe that our little group of Southern states has a greater future in the realm of agricultural production and wealth than any other portion of the continent."

"We have been doing seemingly great things looking at one side of the ledger, and paying no attention to the other, exhausting the soil and toning it when it was sick, and had builded a beautiful false prosperity which it took just such a crisis as was produced by the declaration of war in Europe to reveal in its true light. The spending side of the ledger and the soil exhaustion side of the ledger were then brought to the attention of nearly every man in almost the twinkling of an eye. The efforts of the thinking men of the South now are directed to a return to first principles, and the application of plain business to agriculture, and to the building of a prosperity that will not only be real, but which ought to be in volume many times anything ever experienced measured in actual money."

## AD MAN OFFERS HELP.

Of course all merchants can write ads when they take time to think about them, but there are many who do not have time to concentrate their minds upon the subject.

The News' ad man is ever ready to lend you a hand in such matters. He may not know your business nor your stock, but it does not take many minutes for him to get an idea of the line of talk to hand out in the advertisement that will bring results.

The ad man is an enthusiastic booster wherever you meet him. He studies the needs of the merchant and consumer alike, and tries to write ad "copy" that will bring the two together, to a mutual advantage.

No obligation to you to accept the copy that he writes; but his "stuff" may give you the very idea that you have been trying to find. Call him in and let him get up some copy for you. He does not feel hurt if you don't like it. He'll write you as much as you care to read, and take suggestions from you lots better than perhaps you imagine.

Dr. Currell, president of the South Carolina University, in his address at the commencement exercises of the Yorkville graded school, complimented the members of the graduating class who had taken part in the exercises, "on their distinctness in enunciation an asset that high school pupils in many parts of the state, he had visited, did not have." This matter of clear and distinct enunciation in reading should be more looked after by teachers. Not only with children, but with grown-ups, the habit is to talk through the nose in a sing-song way. Many persons chew up their words. If a child were taken in hand early and made to speak deliberately and with clear enunciation it would soon form the habit. In reading and reciting children are allowed to hurry along at a breakneck speed without dwelling on those parts of the subject which need emphasis.

The Spartanburg Herald is urging the merchants of that city to "take a more positive stand for the development of Spartanburg as a center of trade." We wish to urge the same thing upon the merchants and business men of Lancaster. As we have often remarked before that nearby towns are getting trade that naturally belongs to this place and should come here. All that is necessary, gentlemen, is to go after it in the right way and you will get it.

## Metropolitan Building built with dimes of poor

Your chance begins as soon as you believe you have a chance.

One willing and courageous human plentifully mixed with energy and stirred with ambition — that's the recipe.

There's plenty of room for a sky scraping career most men are building shanty lives.

HERBERT KAUFMAN.

The Metropolitan Building was built with the poor mans dimes.



**THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK,**  
Lancaster, S. C.  
UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY.

## DEATH OF MRS. J. J. HULL.

Native of Lancaster Passes Away at Rock Hill Home.

The tidings of the death of Mrs. J. J. Hull, which occurred Friday afternoon in Rock Hill, will bring sorrow to many older Lancastrians, who remember her as Miss Susan Elizabeth Boyd, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Boyd. Mrs. Hull was born in Lancaster August 25, 1851. Here she spent her girlhood and it was here also that she was married. October 1, 1873, to the late Mr. J. J. Hull, editor of The Carolina Review, afterwards changed to The Lancaster Review. Mr. and Mrs. Hull lived in Lancaster until 1881, when they moved to Rock Hill, where the family has since resided.

Her gentle, sweet manner and her thoughtful consideration of others endeared this good woman to all with whom she came in contact and in every relation of life she was staunch and true. The funeral services were held from the late residence on Park avenue, Rock Hill, Saturday morning, the services having been conducted at the late residence by her pastor, Rev. P. P. Wells, assisted by Rev. T. B. Craig, the interment following in Laurelwood cemetery. A brother-in-law, Mr. G. F. Payseur, and Mr. Edgar Payseur, a nephew, went over from Lancaster to attend the funeral.

Mrs. Hull is survived by the five following children, viz: Mrs. F. S. Love and Mrs. J. J. Rauch of Rock Hill, J. Otis Hull of Winston-Salem, N. C., E. Orin Hull of Lexington, N. C., and Boyd Hull of Charlotte. One brother, Mr. J. B. Boyd of Ohio, also survives and three sisters, Mrs. J. M. Woodham of Ohio, Mrs. A. J. McCoy of Bishopville, and Mrs. O. A. Jackson of Florida. Mrs. Hull also leaves a little grandson, Master Otis Parker, whom she reared and cherished as her own child.

## EIGHTY-FOUR YEARS YOUNG.

Rev. W. W. Ratchford Reaches Advanced Milestone.

Probably in anticipation of the birthday celebration to be tendered him tomorrow (Wednesday) by his Tirzah congregation, Rev. W. W. Ratchford, the venerable and beloved pastor of that flock, was in town today and purchased a new top buggy and harness. It was our pleasure to talk with this aged man of God for a few moments this morning and as we noted his physical and mental vigor it was hard to realize that tomorrow will be his eighty-fifth birthday. For eighty-four years he has led an active, useful life of steadfast devotion to his calling. "Since passing the allotted span of three score and ten, I feel that I have been living on borrowed time," said Mr. Ratchford, "and as I approach the border land of eternity the things of this life which I once regarded as important, give place to a realization of my future existence." We hope that this good man may be spared for yet further service and that the evening of his life may continue full of pleasantness and peace.

## DEATH OF MRS. MATTIE FLOW.

A Good Woman Goes to Her Reward.

On Thursday morning, May the 13th, at 2 o'clock, Mrs. Mattie Flow died at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. J. K. Plyler of the Waxhaw section after suffering only a few hours from acute indigestion.

Mrs. Flow was 71 years old. The remains of this good woman were interred at Tirzah on Friday at noon, after funeral services conducted by Rev. W. W. Ratchford.

Mrs. Flow joined the Baptist church many years ago and was a loyal and devoted member. She deceased was a daughter of the late Amos Hough of Chesterfield. Besides her two sons, Mr. C. M. Flow of De Funia Springs, Fla., and Mr. Baxter N. Flow of Plant City, Fla., Mrs. Flow leaves one brother, Mr. John Hough of Sanford, N. C., and numerous other near relatives and friends to mourn her death.

**A Bunch of Good Things.**  
The advertisers in this issue of The News are offering some splendid inducements to the late spring shoppers.

It will prove very interesting, as well as instructive to every reader to look over the ads and "get wise" to what the merchants are doing.

Sometimes you are in need of something and don't know exactly where to go to get it. It saves a lot of steps and worry to look over the ads in this paper and phone or go in the very store that has it.

## BARN STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

Mule Killed—Barn and Contents Destroyed.

During a thunder storm Sunday night about 11 o'clock, a bolt of lightning struck the barn of Rev. John Blackmon, colored, who lives in the Antioch section, destroying the barn and stable attached, killing one of his mules and badly burning another. The barn and stable were completely consumed, with two and one-half tons of fertilizer, a buggy and a lot of roughness. This was a heavy blow to the colored preacher, his loss amounting to five hundred dollars with no insurance.

## Erecting Monuments.

The teachers who worked so hard to make the little country schools make a creditable showing, and who stood so loyally by their boys and girls on Field Day, are the persons who are erecting monuments to themselves that are worth while. They made us glad that we were raised in the country, and started in the country schools.—Abbeville Press and Banner.

## Don't Carry a Handicap Through Life.

Did you ever stop to think that your every action, every thought, your disposition and your character are influenced every day by the condition of your liver? Failure in life may be the direct result of a disordered liver. Dr. Hilton's Life for the Liver and Kidneys will keep your liver in perfect condition. Get a bottle. For sale by all druggists. Distributed by the Murray Drug Co., Columbia, S. C.

**\$5.35**  
**CHARLESTON, S. C.**  
AND RETURN  
VIA  
**SOUTHERN RAILWAY**  
Tickets on sale June 6, 7 and 8, with final limit June 10, 1915.  
W. B. CAUTHEN, Agent.

## BEST RECREATION RECUPERATION

The strong appeal of outdoors for physical profit as well as pleasure.

**Summer Tourist Fares**  
TO  
**Western North Carolina**  
VIA

**SOUTHERN RAILWAY**  
Premier Carrier of the South.  
May 15 to September 30, final return limit October 31, 1915.

Many attractive resorts reached by the Southern Railway. Let us help you plan your summer trip.

W. H. CAFFEY,  
Division Passenger Agent,  
Charleston, S. C.

## Ah! the Invigorating Whiff of the Pine Forest!

How it clears the throat and head of its mucous ailments. It is this spirit of Newness and Vigor from the health-giving Piney Forest brought back by Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. Antiseptic and healing. Buy a bottle today. All Druggists, 25c.

## Twelve Reasons Why You Should Buy Your Groceries of Us

No. 3.

BECAUSE you are guaranteed prompt, courteous and efficient service.

Clerks and delivery men on the jump to serve you accurately.

This is a big feature of our live wire policy.

**E. W. SISTARE**

## Get Next to a Good Thing!

With the season's change you need different underwear. We can supply you with the proper weight and texture, combining high grade quality and moderate price.

Everything in men's furnishings. We're abreast of the times in style. Our stock is kept up to date.

Best values in town.

**J. T. WYLIE COMPANY**

